

# U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6/22/2015

**Start:** 7:10 p.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 8:05 p.m. EDT

**Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Molly White X  
2 – Craig Correia X  
3 – Aidan Glackin  
4 – Chris Stone X  
6 – Anthony Parker  
7 – Russell Cook X  
8 – Alex Bolan X  
10 – Dave Noble X  
12 – Marcus Rogers X  
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon X  
15 – Tim Oelschlager  
18 – Todd Warnygora  
19 – John Mason  
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X  
21 – Vacant  
22 – James Foster  
Will Welles X  
Chip Till  
Kat Malone  
Bob Kinsman  
Jeff Johnstone

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
3. President's Report
4. Office/Financial Report
5. Regattas
6. District Governor Brief Reports
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting

**Description:**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. A quorum was established. Chris H. extended congratulations from the Class to Kat Malone on the birth of her baby girl.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *No comments were made via e-mail or on this call, and the minutes were approved.*
3. **President's Report** – Will attended the US National Championship in Berkeley, CA with about 30 boats. It was a great event. He is recently back from France, where he crewed for Mike Ingham at the European Championship. He'd recommend the event to all! He talked to many J/24 sailors at these regattas. He sees that the Class is healthy, and noted several youth and all-female teams at the Europeans. The yacht clubs work together to put these teams together, and he wondered how the USA could do a better job in this regard. There is some concern about the continued rise of the J/70, but the J/24 is a real "bang for the buck," and we need to promote this in our fleets. The World Championship is in August in Germany with a few US teams signed up. Following that is the North Americans in Maine. Will wants to see us all push more for the Midwinters in Tampa. The 2016 US Nationals are in May in Sayville, and Toronto hosts the 2016 NAC. Let's sell these events to our members!
4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 470 2015 members (we budgeted for 500 for the year). He distributed a year to date Profit & Loss comparison of 2015 versus 2014 as well as the current Balance Sheet. We are up slightly on the income. We got more membership income earlier in the year, prior to the dues increase. The travel budget does show the travel costs as higher than this time in 2014 because both Midwinters and Nationals

have already occurred.

5. **Regattas** – Will mostly hit this topic in his President’s Report. Molly noted that an update just went out in the USJCA e-newsletter on the 2015 NAC. She asked about the IJCA newsletter, and we will report on the NAC in the edition following that event. Onsite, measurers will be doing all-up boat weight, sails and crew weight. They continue to move people up the wait list, as spots open up.
6. **District Governor Brief Reports** –
  - 20 – Jasper Van Vliet: He had a great time at the US Nationals in Berkeley, and the fleet learned a lot. The wind wasn’t too high. They don’t race as much in the summer because of the increased wind so they’ll get back racing around September.
  - 14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon: They are halfway through their regatta year. Three boats are fighting it out in the Circuit. Several new boats and crews are on the water. Austin and Dallas Corinthian are the hot spots. Tropical Storm Bill caused some damage, but the fleet came through with minor losses. Their circuit gets going again in September. The District members are closely knit.
  - 12 – Marcus Rogers: The Great Lakes Championship just concluded at Cleveland Race Week. Last year, there were three J/24s (all from Edgewater YC) at CRW, and this year there were nine boats from five clubs. The next big event is their Districts from August 29-30 in Indianapolis, and Marcus expects 15 boats. He will confirm their website content.
  - 10 – Dave Noble: July 18-19 is the conclusion of the Florida State Series in Miami (expecting 14-16 boats). They have added the Qualifier for the US Sailing Mallory Adult Championship to the existing State Championship. The winner of the regatta will represent US Sailing Area D at the Adult Championships to be held at Manhattan Yacht Club in Jersey City, NJ October 9-11. He sees travel attendance down, but sometimes borrowed boats can remedy this problem. He plans to try to manage this better going forward. Their new season starts in October. For the Midwinters, he’s hoping to coordinate winter boat storage (with a circuit) at \$250/month in Melbourne from Kings Day regatta in November through spring. Will and Molly think it’s a great idea, but we’ll need early promotion. Dave is looking for new leadership in a few fleets.
  - 8 – Alex Bolan: He would also like to see a Winter Circuit and offered his help to Dave. The Southeast Regionals are in Charleston starting July 17, and they are expecting 12-15 boats. This is also a Mallory Cup qualifier. They have another July event, but then it quiets down until fall. This district also struggles with willingness to travel, but Alex will be traveling and looks forward to seeing everyone.
  - 7 – Russell Cook: There is a regatta honoring Lambert Lai from July 25-26 at Rochester Yacht Club. All are welcome! The Canandaigua regatta was up four boats, and the Oneida regatta was up six boats.
  - 4 – Chris Stone: All are encouraged to attend the Northeast Regionals at Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club August 1-2. They will be doing a promotional e-mail, and have even heard of interest from Bermuda. Free housing is available. The District has struggled recently due to financial reasons, but he thinks it’s starting to rebound. They are considering purchasing a boat so people from Manhattan can come in to use it.
  - 2 – Craig Correia: He is new to the District and reached out to all the fleet captains. Marion and Newport are the most active fleets, but some of the fleets seem to be dissolving. He is reaching out to current and previous members. There are two new certified measurers in the area so they can help with local needs. District 2 has measurement templates, and their use can be coordinated. Will thought there was activity in Connecticut, but Craig was unable to make contact. He will make further attempts. Some folks in the area were disappointed to get shut out of the 2015 NAC in Maine. Craig is hoping to expand a current local event, and they also have the upcoming Newport Regatta.
  - 1 – Molly White: The Scituate fleet is trying to be rebuilt. The New Hampshire fleet has about 11 boats sailing weekly, and they have great communication following each. The Burlington fleet has a few boats traveling, but they often race PHRF locally. The District 1 Championship

is at Malletts Bay Boat Club starting September 19. PYC as 17-18 boats, with most out for weekly racing. They have two junior boats for youth and women's learning.

Will thanked everyone for sharing their fleet reports, and wants to make sure Fleet Captains are communicating their local information for posting on the calendar and inclusion in USJCA publications. Molly also asked all organizers to post an entry list to boost participation.

7. **Technical Report** – Chris H. stated that Tim Winger is again working on re-writes to the Rules based on ISAF's previous feedback. These updates will then be "pre-approved" by ISAF. If any major deviations are made from the last member approval, an additional membership vote will be taken. Either way, the Rules will not take effect until probably March 2016. This means that the Class Rules are the same as published in 2013.

Seven keel templates are being purchased by the IJCA, and will be available for purchase.

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** – Chris will (re)send an RFP for the 2017 Midwinter Championship and US National Championship, to be voted on at the December Annual Meeting.

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Will thanked everyone for taking the time to call in. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Action Items:**

--Dave Noble is trying to coordinate winter boat storage before/after the 2016 Midwinters.

--Chris will (re)send an RFP for the 2017 Midwinter Championship and US National Championship.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. EDT